



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

2017 Malbec

VINTAGE NOTES

- The 2017 vintage at Spring Valley Vineyard was nicely spread over a 6-week period.
- The winter was cold, snowy and long. Yields were low, spring was wet and summer was hot. Harvest (September 7th to October 23th) was cooler than usual.
- Overall, 2017 saw very favorable growing conditions, producing wines with ripeness and elegance.

VINEYARD NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard lies 12 miles northeast of Walla Walla.
- This wine comes from the original 1-acre block of Malbec planted in 2001.
- The vines follow the north-south slope of the hills in vertical rows, an orientation that allows optimal growing conditions.

WINEMAKING NOTES

- Spring Valley Vineyard fruit is hand-picked, hand-sorted and gently de-stemmed by gravity.
- The wine was fermented between 10-20 days, with each tank tasted daily until pressed using a wooden cage basket presses.
- The wine was transferred into 225-liter French oak barrels. Aged for 18 months in 100% French Oak. 100% Spring Valley Vineyard Estate bottled.

TASTING NOTES

The 2017 Malbec reveals aromas of ripe blackberries, wheat, orange peel and granite dust. Ripe, rich and focused, the wine is uplifted with a great natural acidity and just enough barrel influence. The finish is savory and creamy with some rusticity. – Serge Laville, Winemaker

TA: 0.61 g/100mL

PH: 3.75

ALCOHOL: 14.2%

BLEND:

100% Malbec